

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for installing a software platform onto a computer system, comprising the following steps:

providing a plurality of control files, each control file pertaining to a different particular software platform and having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to [[a]] the particular software platform;

designating, by a user, a computer system and a software platform of a plurality of software platforms to be installed on the designated computer system using a graphical user interface; and

querying the control file of the particular software platform corresponding to the software platform designated by the user to identify an entry having computer system identifiers that pertain to the designated computer system.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the subsequent steps of:

creating a boot disk; and

installing the designated software platform onto the designated computer system using the boot disk.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the designating step comprises the steps of:
entering particular computer system identifiers into the interface; and
selecting a particular software platform using the interface.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the entering step comprises the steps of:
entering a particular computer model identifier into the interface; and
entering a particular computer submodel identifier into the interface.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the entries in the control file further
comprise support data.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the support data comprises licensing data and
technical data.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of displaying the support data
from the identified entry.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the designated software platform is
installed onto the computer system based upon the support data.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for installing a software platform onto a computer system, comprising the following steps:

providing a plurality of control files, each control file pertaining to a different particular software platform and having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to [[a]] the particular software platform, wherein each entry comprises computer system identifiers and support data;

entering, by a user, particular computer system identifiers into a graphical user interface;

selecting, by a user, a particular software platform of a plurality of software platforms using the interface;

querying the control file of the particular software platform corresponding to the software platform designated by the user to identify an entry having computer system identifiers that match the entered computer system identifiers; and

installing the selected software platform onto a computer system having the entered computer system identifiers.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of displaying the support data corresponding to the identified entry.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the software platform is installed based upon the displayed support data.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the support data comprises licensing data and technical data.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the computer system identifiers comprise a computer model identifier and a computer sub model identifier.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for installing a software platform onto a computer system, comprising the following steps:

entering, by a user, a particular computer model identifier and a particular computer submodel identifier into a graphical user interface;

selecting, by a user, a particular software platform from a plurality of software platforms using the interface;

locating a control file corresponding to the software platform selected by the user in a plurality of control files, each control file pertaining to a different particular software platform and having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to [[a]] the particular software platform, wherein each entry comprises computer model identifiers, computer submodel identifiers, and support data;

querying the located control file to identify an entry having a computer model identifier and a computer submodel identifier that match the entered computer model identifier and computer submodel identifier;

displaying the support data from the identified entry; and

installing the selected software platform onto a computer system having the entered

identifiers based upon the displayed support data.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the support data comprises licensing data and technical data.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for installing a software platform onto a computer system, comprising:

a graphical user interface for entering, by a user, computer system identifiers and for selecting a software platform from a plurality of software platforms;

a query system for querying a control file corresponding to the software platform selected by the user in a plurality of control files, each control file pertaining to a different particular software platform and having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to [[a]] the particular software platform, to identify an entry in the control file having computer system identifiers that match the entered computer system identifiers; and

a boot system for creating a boot disk, based upon the identified entry, for the selected software platform to be installed onto a computer system having the entered computer system identifiers.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the interface comprises:

an entry system for entering computer system identifiers; and

a selection system for selecting a software platform.

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the computer system identifiers comprise a computer model identifier and a computer sub model identifier.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the control file comprises entries, and wherein each entry includes computer system identifiers and support data.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising a display system for displaying the support data from the identified entry.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the selected software platform is installed onto the computer system based upon the displayed support data.

22. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the selected software platform is an operating system.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for installing a software platform onto a computer system, comprising:

an entry system for entering, by a user, computer system identifiers;

a selection system for selecting, by a user, a software platform from a plurality of software platforms;

a query system for querying a control file corresponding to the software platform selected by the user in a plurality of control files, each control file pertaining to a different particular

software platform and having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to [[a]] the particular software platform, to identify an entry having computer system identifiers that match the entered computer system identifiers; and

a boot system for creating a boot disk, based upon the identified entry, for the selected software platform to be installed onto a computer system having the entered computer system identifiers.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the entry system and the selection system comprise an interface.

25. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the computer system identifiers comprise a computer model identifier and a computer submodel identifier.

26. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the control file comprises entries, and wherein each entry includes a computer model identifier, a computer submodel identifier, and support data.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, further comprising a display system for displaying the support data from the identified entry.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the selected software platform is installed onto the computer system based upon the displayed support data.

29. (Currently Amended) A system for installing a software platform onto a computer system, comprising:

a graphical user interface having:

an entry system for entering, by a user, a computer model identifier and a computer submodel identifier; and

a selection system for selecting, by a user, a software platform from a plurality of software platforms;

a query system for querying a control file corresponding to the software platform selected by the user in a plurality of control files, each control file pertaining to a different particular software platform and having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to [[a]] the particular software platform, to identify an entry in the control file having a computer model identifier and a computer submodel identifier that match the entered computer model identifier and computer submodel identifier;

a display system for displaying support data from the identified entry; and

a boot system for creating a boot disk, based upon the identified entry, for the selected software platform to be installed onto a computer system having the entered computer model identifier and computer submodel identifier.

30. (Currently Amended) A program product stored on a recordable medium for installing a software platform onto a computer system, which when executed, comprises:

a graphical user interface for entering, by a user, computer system identifiers and for selecting a software platform from a plurality of software platforms;

a query system for querying a control file corresponding to the software platform selected by the user in a plurality of control files, each control file pertaining to a different particular software platform and having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to [[a]] the particular software platform, to identify an entry in the control file having computer system identifiers that match the entered computer system identifiers; and

a boot system for creating a boot disk, based upon the identified entry, for the selected software platform to be installed onto a computer system having the entered computer system identifiers.

31. (Original) The program product of claim 30, wherein the interface comprises:

an entry system for entering computer system identifiers; and

a selection system for selecting a software platform identifier.

32. (Original) The program product of claim 30, wherein the computer system identifiers comprise a computer model identifier and a computer sub model identifier.

33. (Original) The program product of claim 30, wherein the control file comprises entries, and wherein each entry includes computer system identifiers and support data.

34. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 33, further comprising a display system for displaying the support data from the identified entry, wherein the software platform is installed based upon the displayed support data.

35. (Currently Amended) A program product stored on a recordable medium for installing a software platform onto a computer system, which when executed, comprises:

graphical user interface for entering, by a user, computer system identifiers and for selecting a software platform from a plurality of software platforms;

program code configured to query a control file corresponding to the software platform selected by the user in a plurality of control files, each control file pertaining to a different particular software platform and having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to [[a]] the particular software platform, to identify an entry in the control file having computer system identifiers that match the entered computer system identifiers;

program code configured to display support data from the identified entry; and

program code configured to create a boot disk, based upon the identified entry, for the selected software platform to be installed onto a computer system having the entered computer system identifiers.